

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

## Public Works

Item No. 40

## RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with HDR ENGINEERING, INC., Austin, TX, for engineering services for Pfluger Bridge Extension and Bowie Underpass in the amount of \$1,175,733 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,755,015.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Lora Teed 974-7025, Greg Kiloh 974-7836, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 4.1% MBE and 6.1% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

**Prior Council Action:** Council authorized negotiation with the consultant on September 25, 2003. Supplemental Amendment for the consultant was approved by Council on June 23, 2005. Council approved recommendations for the bridge extension alignment and Bowie Underpass on February 2, 2006.

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The original scope of the agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. was to design an extension to the existing James D. Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge to provide a safe passage over Cesar Chavez and under Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for pedestrians and cyclists. The project team has coordinated with many entities and stakeholders with specific interests in this area and in this project. These include the Community and Technical Advisory Groups formed specifically for this project, proposed and planned developments in the area, existing and proposed utilities, and various transportation authorities.

This amendment will provide for final design, bid and construction phase services for both the bridge extension and underpass projects. It is currently planned to construct the bridge extension and the underpass portions of this project separately. The schedule for Bowie Underpass is dependent on the review and approval by UPRR, which will take several months. Separating the construction of these projects allows the bridge extension to move forward while the underpass is under Union Pacific review. The construction schedule of the bridge extension project is dependent on the realignment of Sandra Muraida Way, which is currently scheduled to start in the Summer of 2007 and is not anticipated to delay the bridge extension schedule.